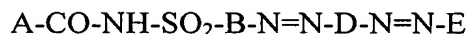


**In the Claims**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

A is an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group;

B and D are each independently optionally substituted phenylene or naphthylene;  
and

E is optionally substituted naphthylene.

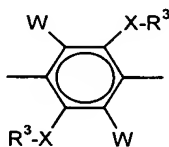
4. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is optionally substituted C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl.

5. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein B is optionally substituted phenylene.

6. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein B is optionally substituted 1,4- phenylene.

7. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein D is optionally substituted 1,4- phenylene.

8. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein D is of the formula:



wherein each:

W independently is H, C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, alkoxy, polyalkylene oxide, nitro, cyano, amino, sulpho, halo, ureido, SO<sub>2</sub>F, PO<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, hydroxy, carboxy, ester, -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, -COR<sup>1</sup>, -CONR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently H or alkyl;

X independently is O, NH or S;

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$R^3$  independently is H or optionally substituted alkyl or optionally substituted aryl.

9. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein D is naphthylene carrying one or more groups selected from hydroxy, amino, sulpho and carboxy.

10. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein E is naphthylene carrying one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, amino, sulpho and carboxy.

$A_2$  11. (Amended) A compound according to claim 3 wherein E is a 1-hydroxy-3-sulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 7-position; or a 1-hydroxy-5-sulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 8-position; or a 1-hydroxy-3,6-disulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 8-position or a 1-hydroxy-3,6-disulphonaphth-2-ylene group carrying an optionally substituted amino group at the 7-position

12. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the pKa of the -NH-group is from 8 to 3.

13. (Amended) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a liquid medium.

$A_3$  16. (Amended) A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed with an ink according to claim 14.

$A_4$  18. (Amended) A method for the colouration of a substrate which comprises treating with a compound according to claim 1.

*Please refer to the attached Appendix for changes made to the above claims.*

*Preliminary Amendment*

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Please add the following new claims:

--19. (New) A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed with an ink of a compound according to claim 1.

20. (New) A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed by means of a process according to claim 15.--

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